Photo History

SOUTHGATE past and present

(Volume 179)

Cover Picture

Chase Side Southgate in 1906 with a four-in-hand

Continuing on from Volume #178 I have found so many fantastic personal memories plus forgotten photos from various sources and I must apologise if some of these are boring but I guess we all have our favourite shots and I honestly found it very hard which to include and which (reluctantly) to omit. Our local park, Grovelands is a continual delight and I have been photographing here for over 70 years so please excuse the excess of 'Groveland's Shots'

I do hope you like my eventual choice. Ralph K ..Nov '24

April 12th 1913-The opening of Grovelands Park

Ok. Not all the photos are 'chocolate box' photos

One of my favourite very old shots of Grovelands Park. Totally great to see a family in, what is now our local park', enjoying riding on their pet pony on . What was then , a private estate.

Sunrise at same location but generations later ..during Covid

Our volunteer Group

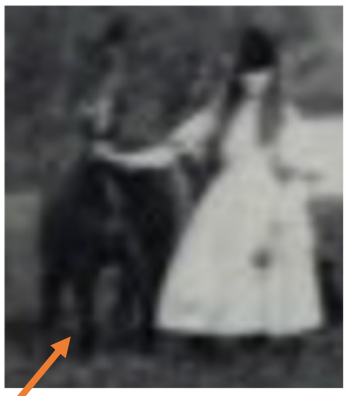
Enfield Looker Volunteer Group

Group · 23 members

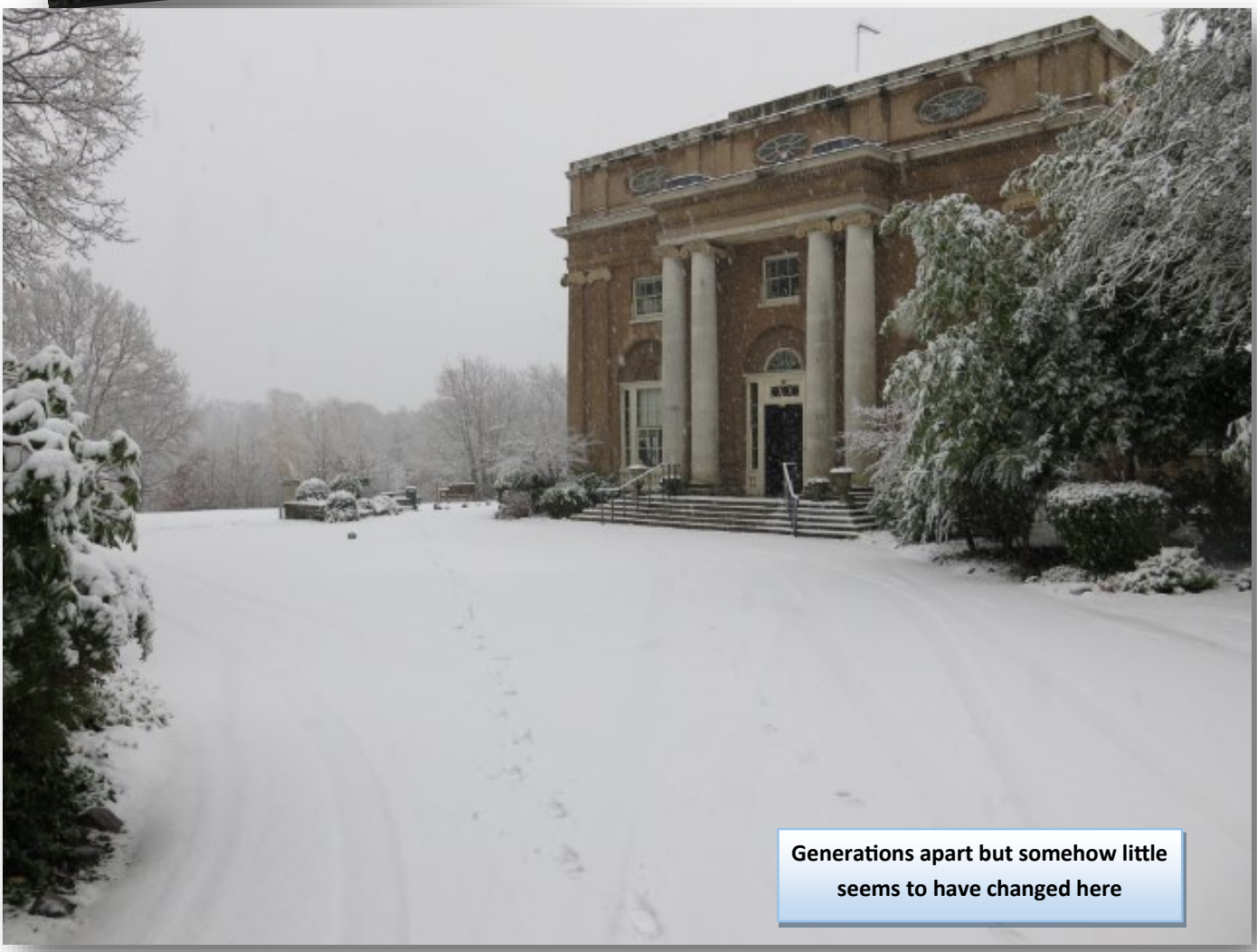
We are introducing grazing in local parks again and here is an original 'grazing' photo

When I was young I enjoyed boating on Grovelands Lake but that ended years ago, (well after this photo from 1920)

Grovelands Park was originally known as Southgate Grove and then became known as 'Woodlands' and then Grovelands in the 18th century. The house was built around 1797 according to John Nash designs with gardens designed by Humphry Repton



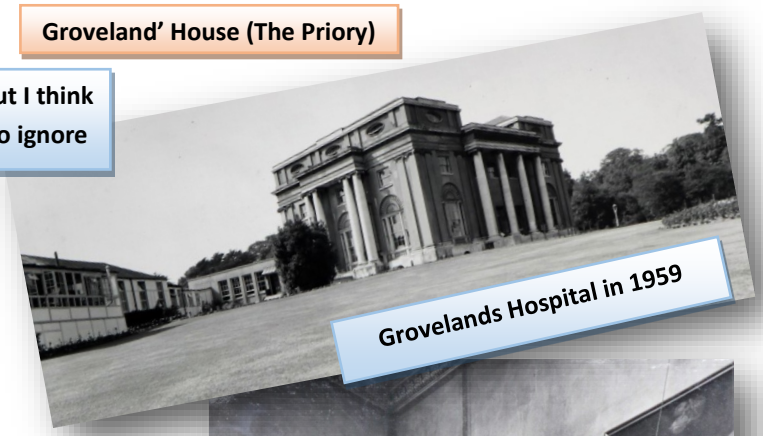
In 1911 Southgate Urban District Council purchased 64 acres of the grounds for use as a public park, which opened in 1913.



Generations apart but somehow little seems to have changed here

Groveland' House (The Priory)

I must apologise, I know I said ..only photos, no history, but I think you'll agree that the background here is too interesting to ignore



Grovelands Hospital in 1959

During WW1, in 1916, Grovelands House, which had stood empty for 11 years, became the Southgate Auxiliary Military HospitalAt first the Hospital had 60 beds. By the end of the war in 1918, the Hospital had 134 beds.

The house was surrounded by a moat which had originally been installed to prevent deer from the park from straying too near. It stood in extensive and beautifully wooded grounds and enjoyed an uninterrupted view as far away as High Beech in Epping Forest. Within the grounds was a pleasure lake, some 7 acres in extent, which would be seen from most windows of the house. Other windows overlooked the walled garden.

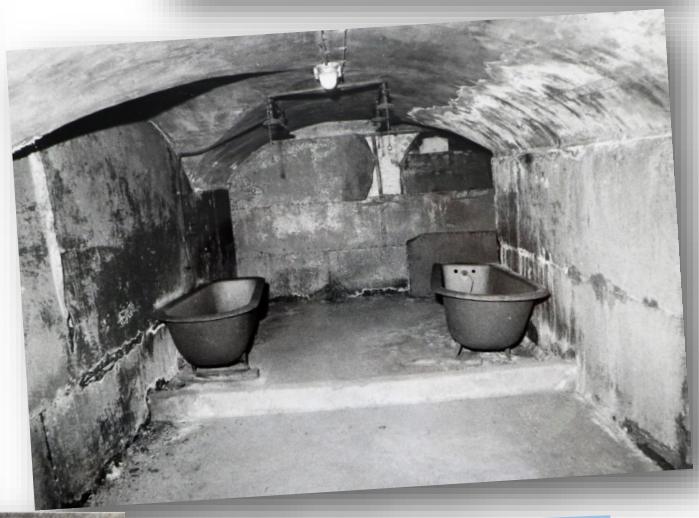
Grovelands was officially opened as the Great Northern Home of Recovery by the Princess Royal, Duchess of Fife, on 9th July 1921. The convalescent home had 60 beds, although initially only 40 patients were admitted. Female patients were accommodated in the drawing rooms and male patients in a newly built annexe. A small children's ward was on the floor above; it was painted white and decorated with a frieze depicting the seaside.

Many of the rooms retained their original decoration from the late 18th century, which had been executed by Italian artists specifically brought over for the purpose. One particular example was the octagonal Birdcage Room, so-called because its structure resembled a birdcage.

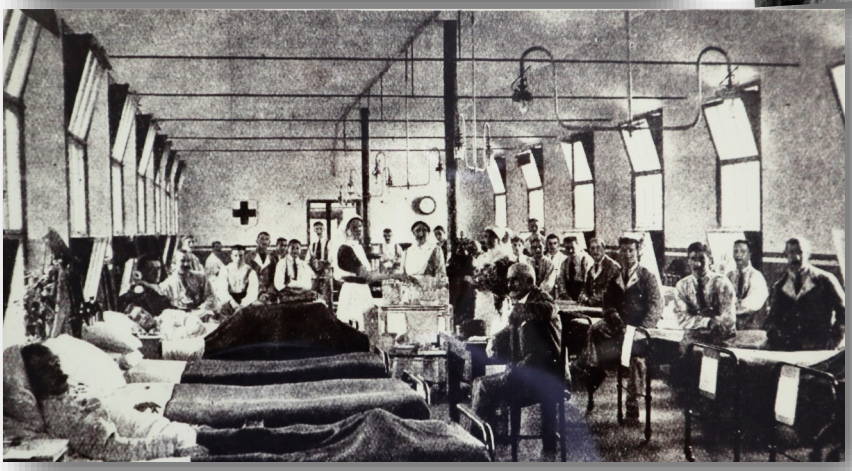
They were accommodated on the top floor of the house (one bedroom opened out onto the roof, where the nurses could sleep on warm nights). The domestic staff were housed in the stables, which had been converted into cubicles for the purpose. The vinery - a spacious room - was used to supplement the kitchen accommodation. During WW2 the building was damaged by a bomb in 1941.

Grovelands closed in 1977. The house remained unoccupied until it was sold in 1985. After extensive renovation the Grade I listed neo-classical villa reopened in 1986 as the Groveland's Priory, a private psychiatric hospital. General Augusto Pinochet, the former dictator of Chile, was admitted here in 1998 for several weeks from the London Clinic in central London, as the security arrangements were more manageable. Reporters even parked in our garden (without permission, I may add) He had been arrested and bailed, and was awaiting a House of Lords decision as to whether he could be extradited to Spain to face charges of murder. In the event, he was not, and returned to Chile.

1945 First floor corridor



Wartime decontamination room



May 1968

During covid all the seats and outside gym equipment was taped off to prevent cross infection

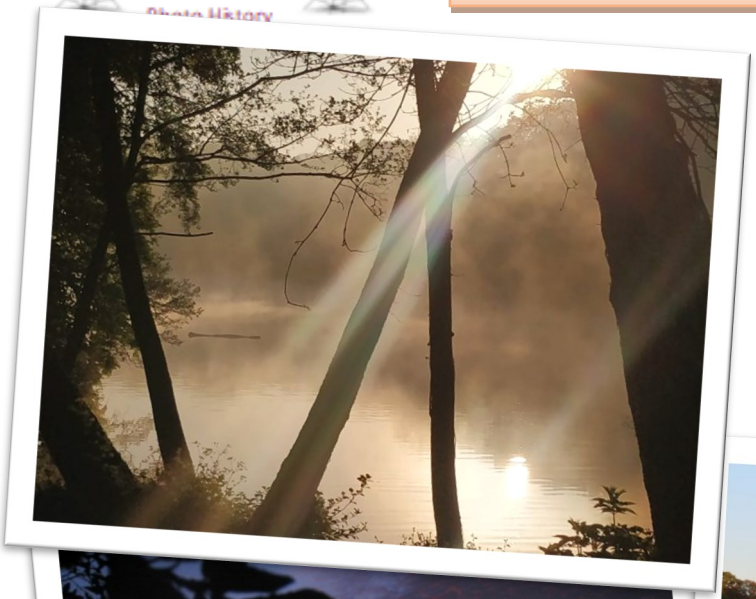
Keep off the outside gym equipment

Tyrannosaurus **in Grovelands in July 2021**

A novel attraction in the park

Groveland's Park has given me some wonderful photo opportunities over many years

GROVELANDS OVER THE YEARS

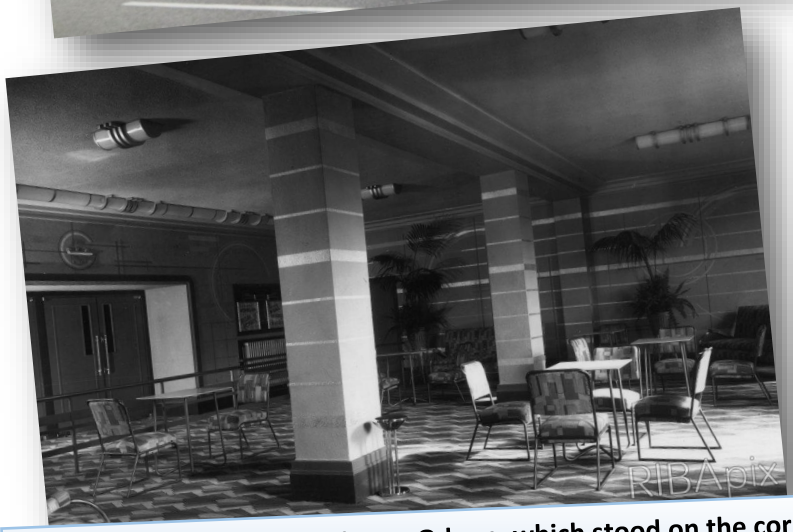


From my early album in the 1950's

November 2024

Sat Nov '24 Grovelands Park Run, every Saturday with over 200 runners (and me walking!)

THE ODEON (Now Hobart House)
The Bourne



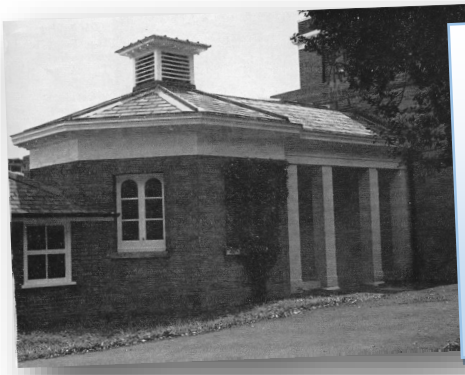
Opened in 1935, the Southgate Odeon, which stood on the corner of The Bourne and Tudor Way, N.14., was finally demolished in 1982, making way for 'Hobart House', an office block that has since been converted to residential use.

SOUTHGATE HOUSE. This has had a varied history and is relatively unknown despite its central situation opposite Southgate College

1987

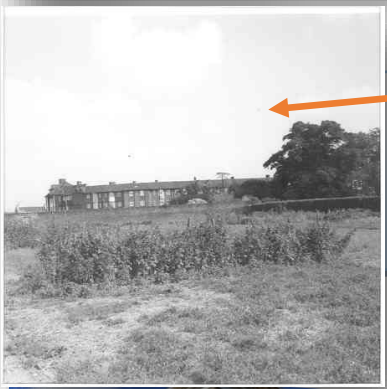
2021

Southgate House is a grade 11 listed building. Built in the late 18th century,[1] it was once the home of Isaac Walker, In 1918 the sold the Arnos Grove estate to the shipping magnate Lord Inverforth. Following Russell Walker's death in 1922, the Southgate House estate was sold off by his heirs. Land between Southgate High Street and The Bourne was bought by J. Edmondson and Son, who constructed The Meadway estate in the 1920s and 1930s. Southgate House, with its entrance lodge, stable buildings, glass houses and 20.5 acres of park and gardens, was sold to Middlesex County Council for £16,000. During the Second World War air raid shelters were constructed, staff operated a fire watching rota and the paddocks were used as allotments From 1924 to 1987 it formed part of Mincheden School. with places for 200 boys and girls. The grounds became playing fields which Enfield Council sold to Fairview New Homes plc, who built 258 houses and flats between 1993–5. The 1930s Minchenden School buildings are now occupied by Durants Special School. Southgate House has now been sold to the Southgate Mosque and Community Association and the Muslim community in Southgate and the surrounding areas, including Oakwood and Cockfosters, is growing.



In the 1790s an octagonal Dairy, with a rectangular louvered ventilation turret, was added to the north-east end of the house and an underground ice-house was constructed

1924



1972

Before Fairview built the large estate on the playing fields

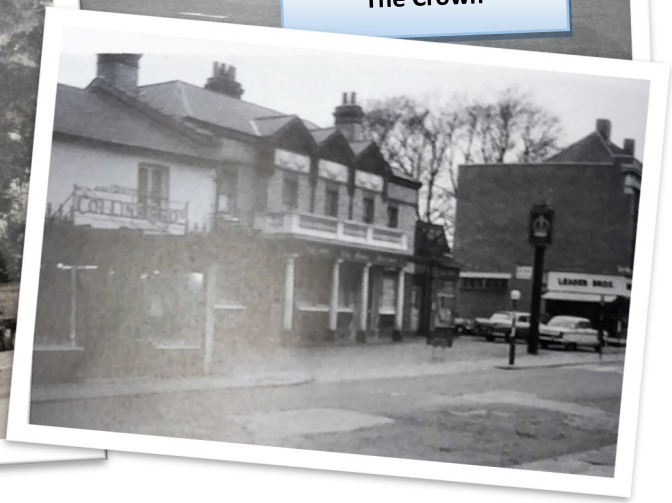
The sad state of Southgate House after Mincheden school moved

THE CROWN PUB –You will remember it when you see what is there now

The Crown 1961 demolished in the 1960's

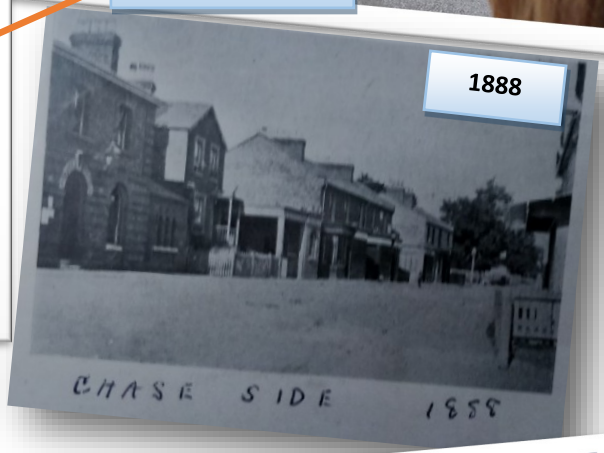
The Crown Hotel, which was almot opposite the site of the New Crown (Weatherspoons above)

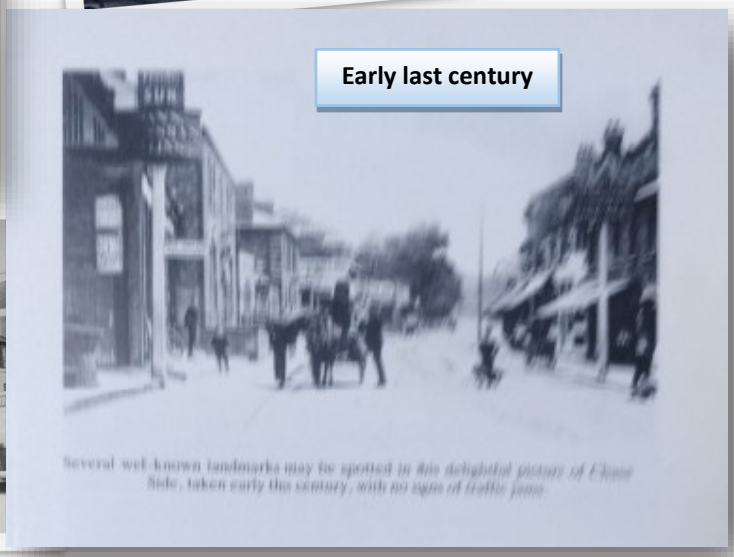
The Crown



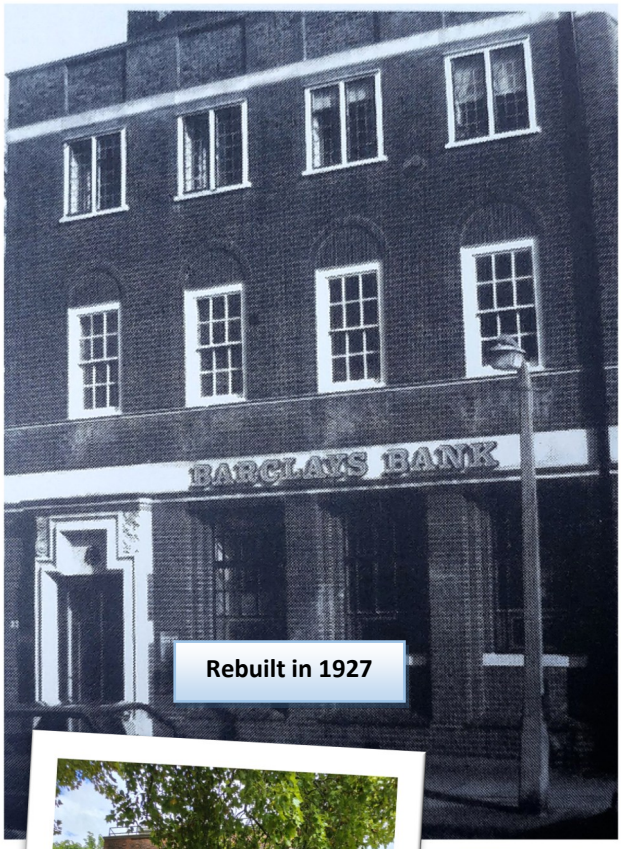
YE OLDE RISING SUN / COACH & HORSES/ COACH HOUSE/SUN LOUNGE / THE MAZE/THE SUN (Chase Side—adjacent to Southgate Station)

(Many of it's assorted names prior to its illegal demolition in 2019

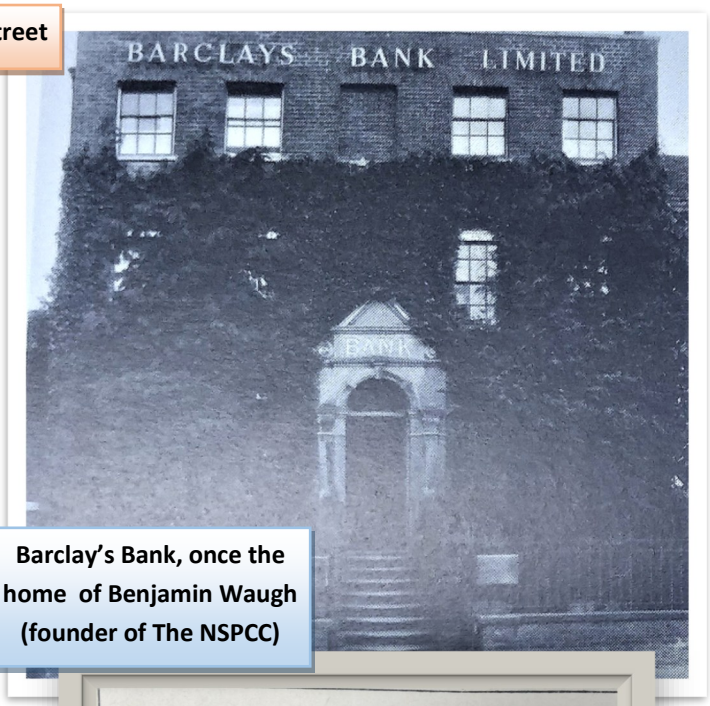




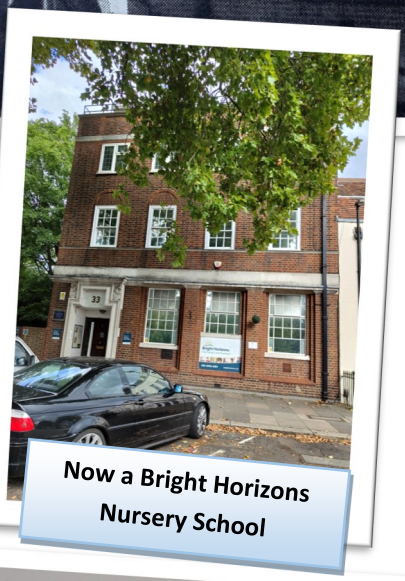
Barclay's Bank, High Street



Rebuilt in 1927



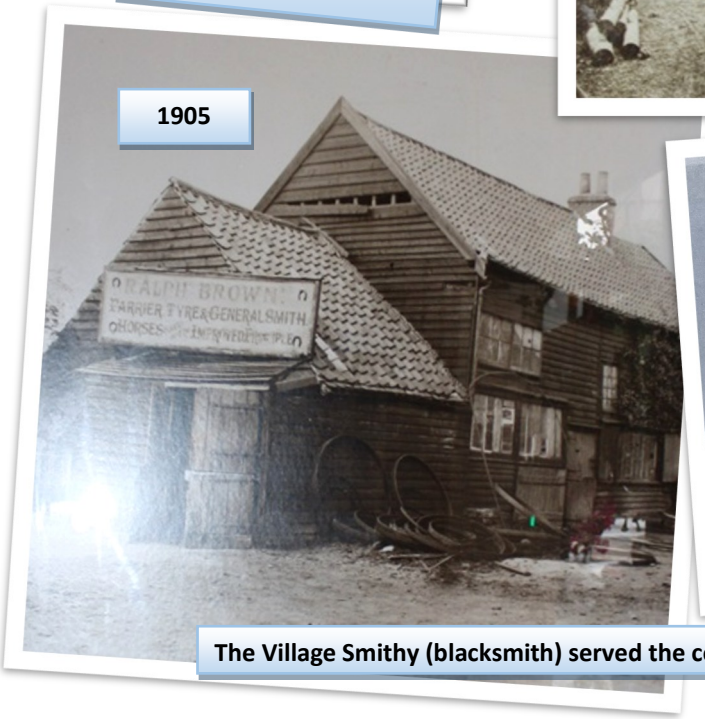
Barclay's Bank, once the home of Benjamin Waugh (founder of The NSPCC)



Now a Bright Horizons Nursery School

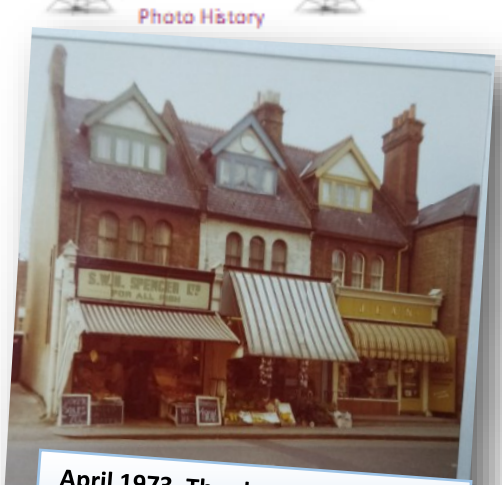
Surry's Timber Yard, High Street c1886

1905

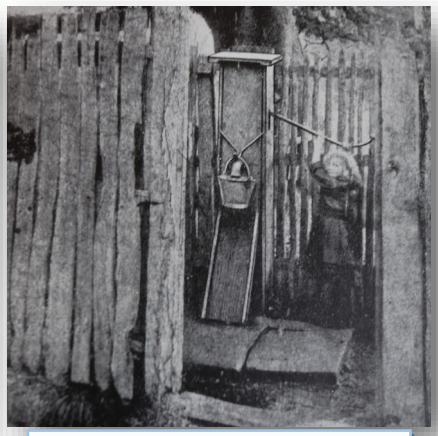


The Village Smithy (blacksmith) served the community for 300 years prior to the arrival of the tube

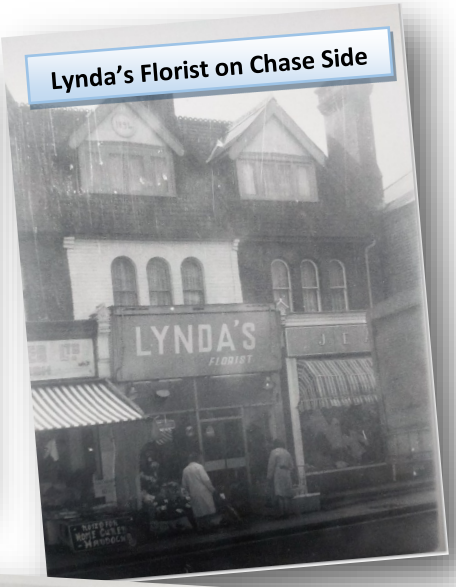
AROUND AND ABOUT



April 1973, The shops between The Rising Sun and Southgate Club



The Water Pump in Bourne Hill



Lynda's Florist on Chase Side

Collins Butchers Chase Side June 1970

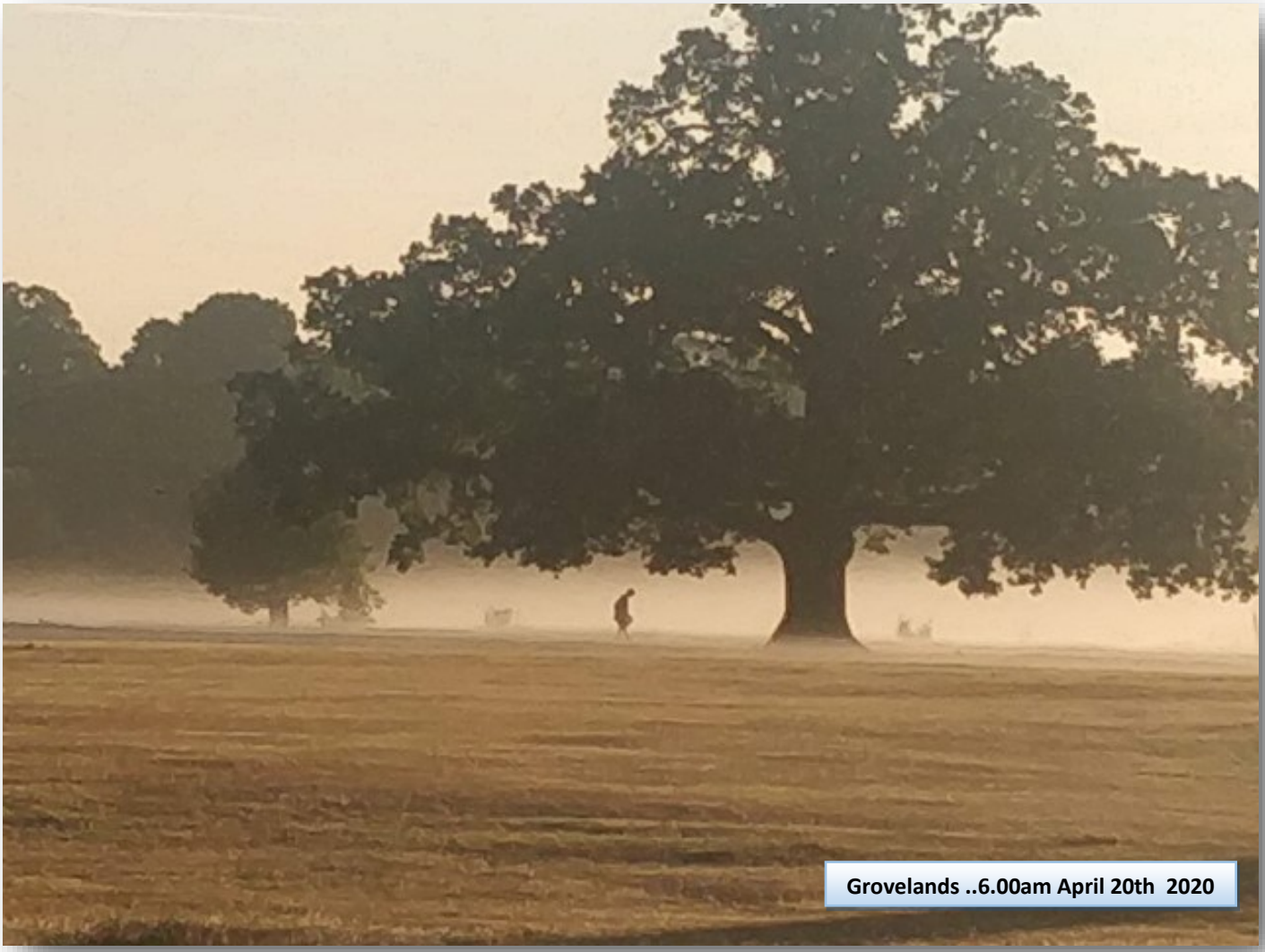
1919

The Eagle Pub

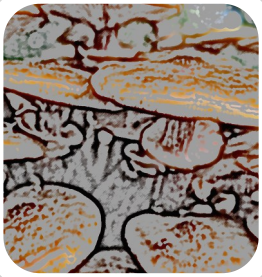
...and as a paper shop in 1987

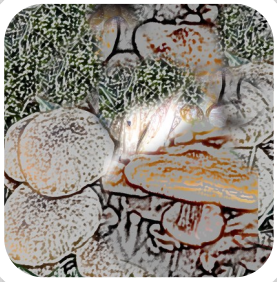
Southgate dairy

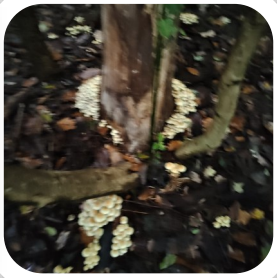
..and then in a new guise as a craft shop



Grovelands ..6.00am April 20th 2020







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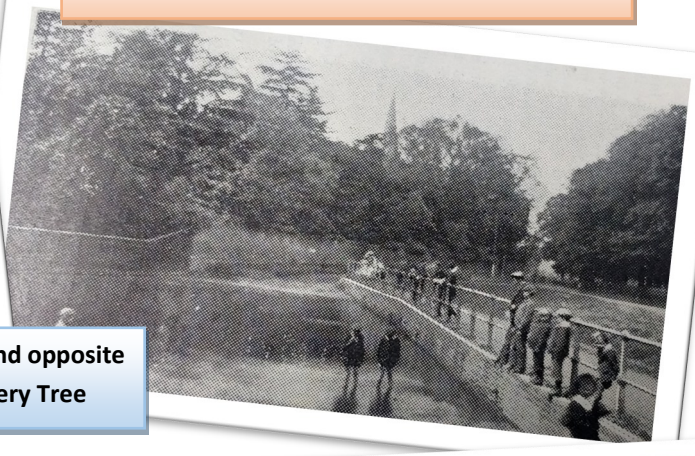
SOUTHGATE GREEN AROUND THE CHERRY TREE

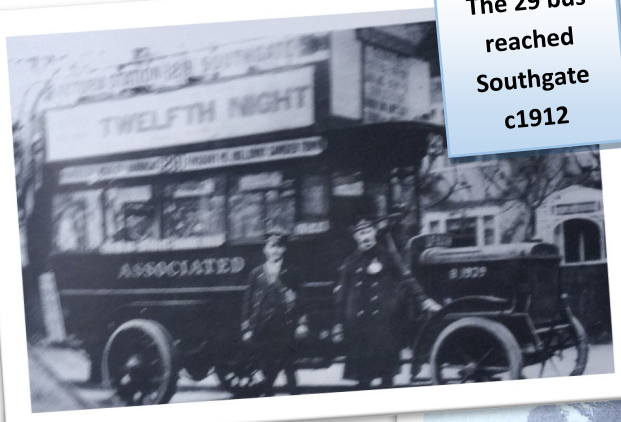
Duchess Pond opposite The Cheery Tree



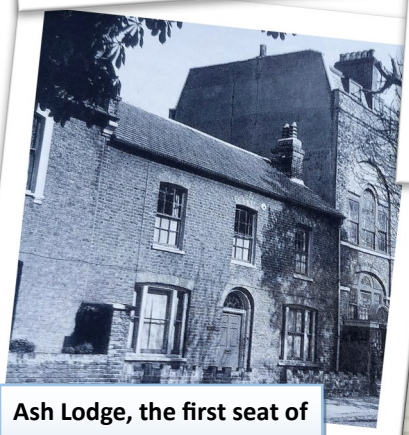
Southgate Green—High Street c1905

The Green-c1905

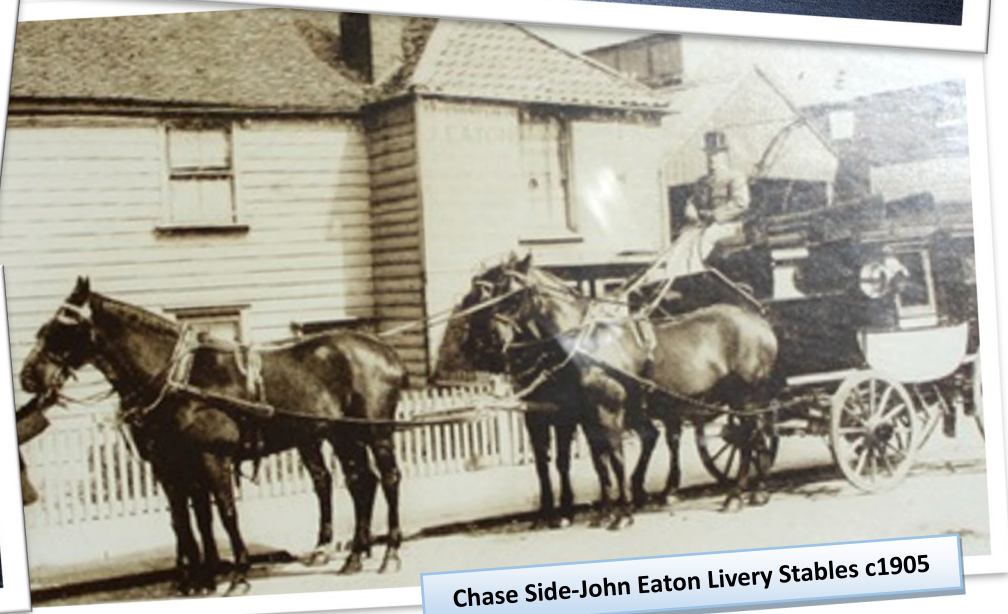
The 29 bus reached Southgate c1912



Open-topped buses

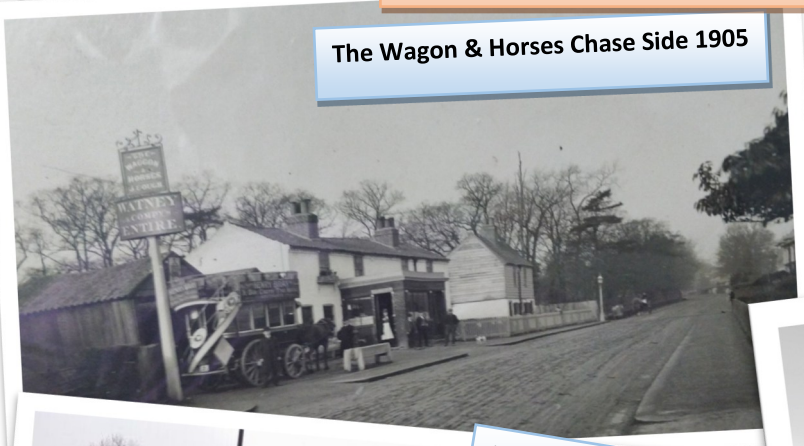


Ash Lodge, the first seat of local government in Southgate



Chase Side-John Eaton Livery Stables c1905

(Many name changes)THE WAGON & HORSES, / THE WAGGON/ THE HAYWAIN / KERVAN SOFRASI



The Wagon & Horses Chase Side 1905

2013

The Waggon 2010

The original Wagon & Horses was replaced with a new building in 1937

2008

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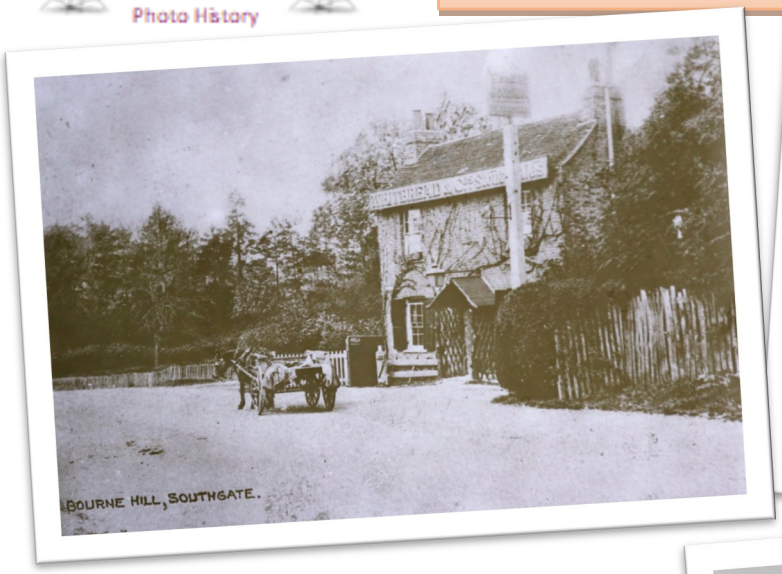
THE WOODMAN in BOURNE HILL (over the years)



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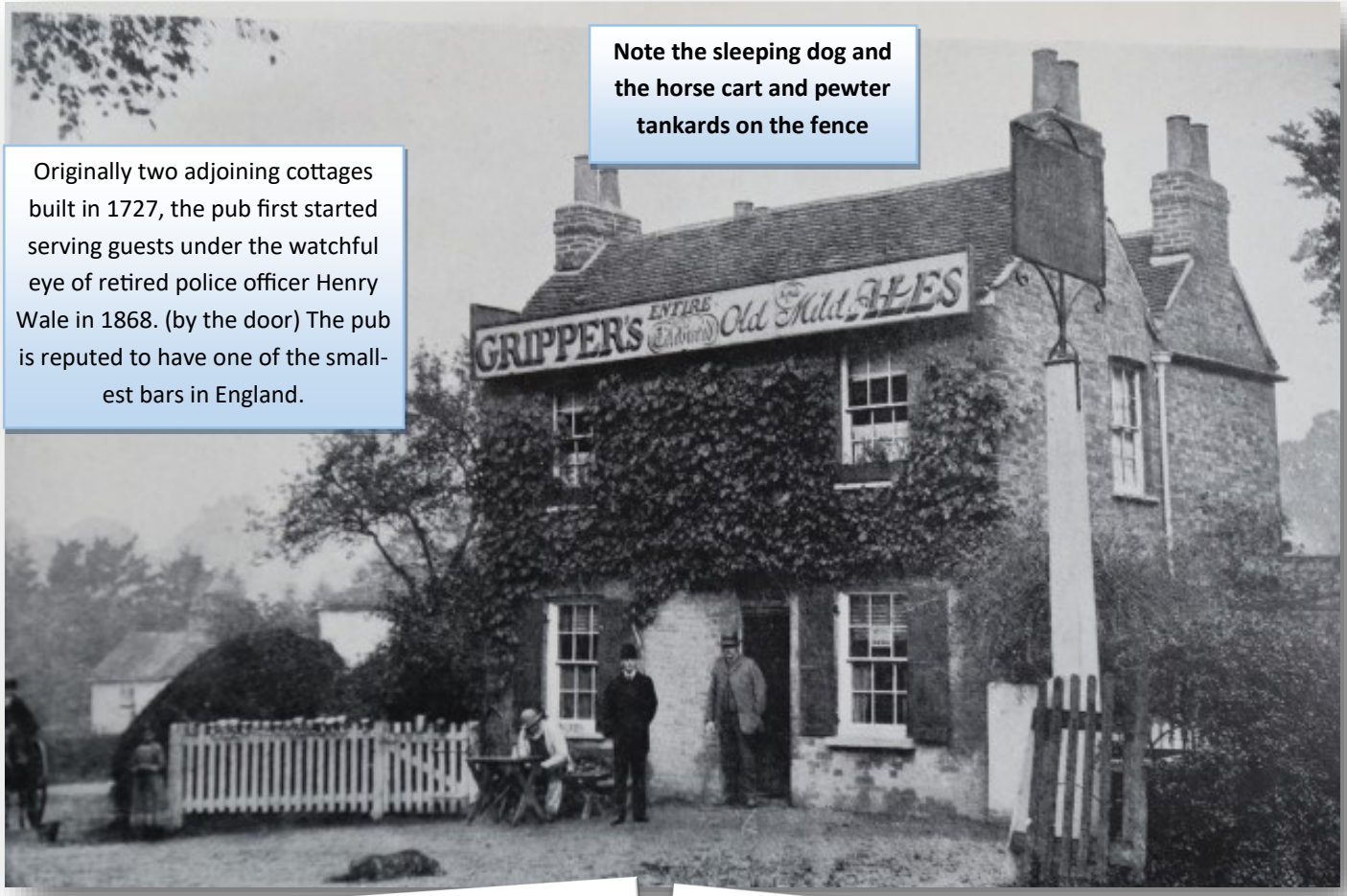

Note the sleeping dog and the horse cart and pewter tankards on the fence

Originally two adjoining cottages built in 1727, the pub first started serving guests under the watchful eye of retired police officer Henry Wale in 1868. (by the door) The pub is reputed to have one of the smallest bars in England.

Mounted police near The Woodman in 1906

Bourne Hill

Ivy Cottages next to The Woodman

Bourne Hill

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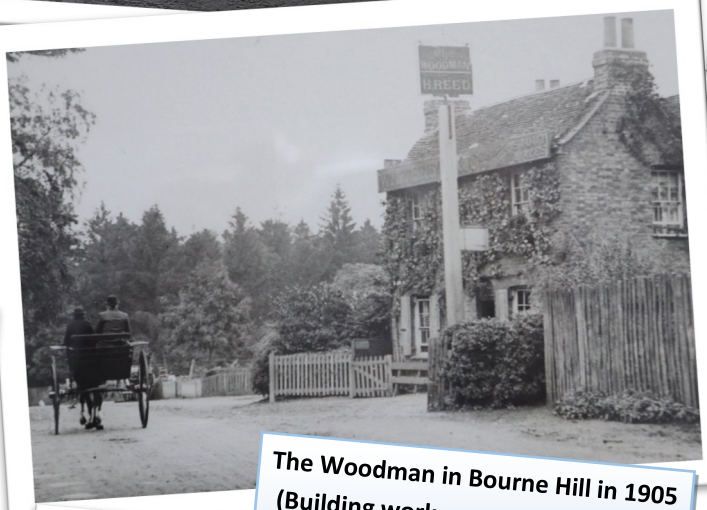


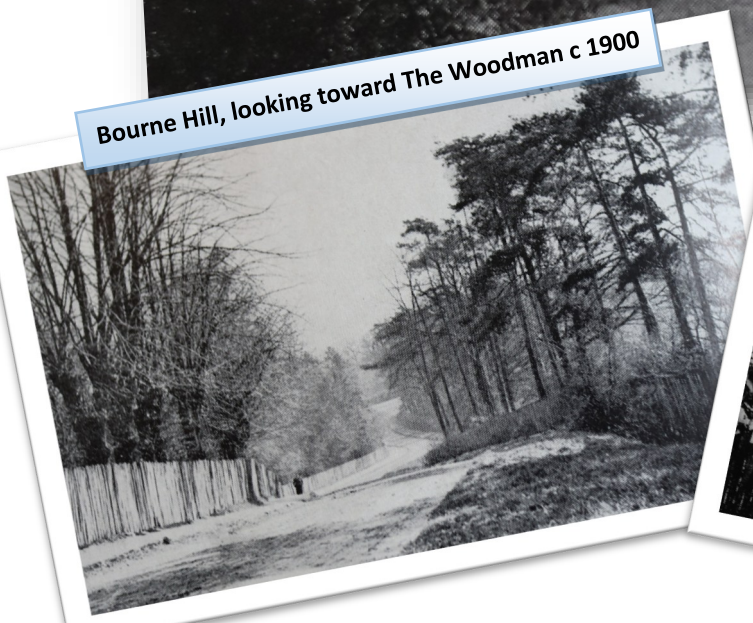
The Woodman in Bourne Hill in 1905 (Building work around Fox Lane left The woodman in a 'no-man's land) between old and new

February '09

A previous closure in 2012 caused local dismay and prompted a petition to the brewery that owned the pub, Heartwood confirmed that it will undergo an "extensive multimillion-pound refurbishment" .

This delightful shot is from the entrance to Winchmore Hill Woods which was at the junction of The Bourne and Bourne Hill and is now Broad Walk.

Bourne Hill, looking toward The Woodman c 1900



Almost the same location in Bourne Hill after the snow storm on 18th Jan 1881

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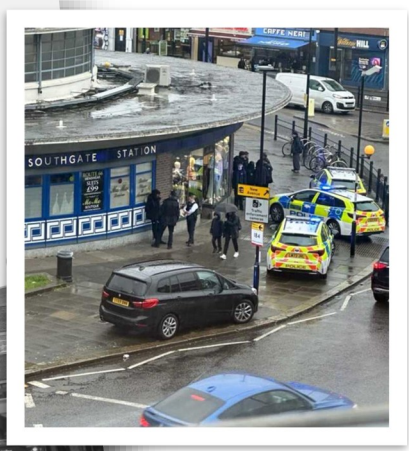

The hypnotic beauty of Southgate is not just about the station building, but everything around it. Circular 'mushroom' bus shelters orbit it like satellite moons, as do globe-shaped lamps perched on stylish concrete posts. The redbrick station parade swooshes around one side of Southgate station in a liquid motion. Traffic encircling the Five Ways island forms an asteroid belt of metal and fumes. Inside, the circular motif continues, from the round concourse, to the clock above the escalators. Dan Maier's lavalamp-esque designs— originally only supposed to be here for a week or two, but loved so much by the staff they've stayed — repeat the themes of circles, globes, planets, movement. Everything at Southgate is cyclical, everything is cosmic.

THE SOUTHGATE POUND

JohnDonnithorne Taylor (a partner of Talor Walker, brewers) bought Grovelands House and estate c 1835 adding to it constantly When he died in 1885 (aged 87)his estate spread to over 600 acres. His funeral procession passed through the gate on the right and then across the road into Old park (Now broad Walk)

JohnDonnithorne Taylor

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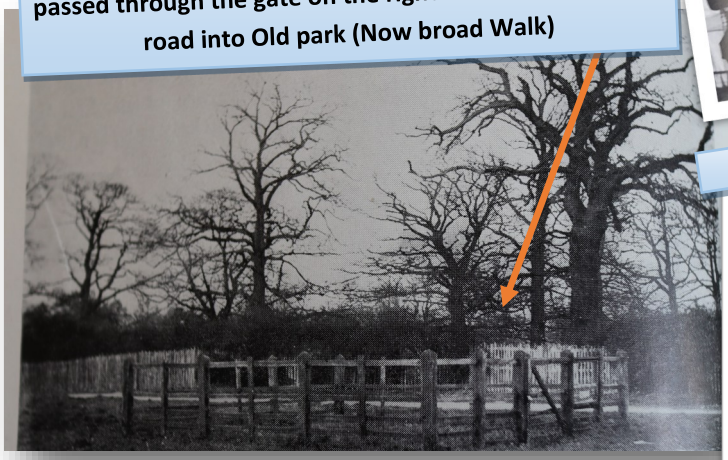
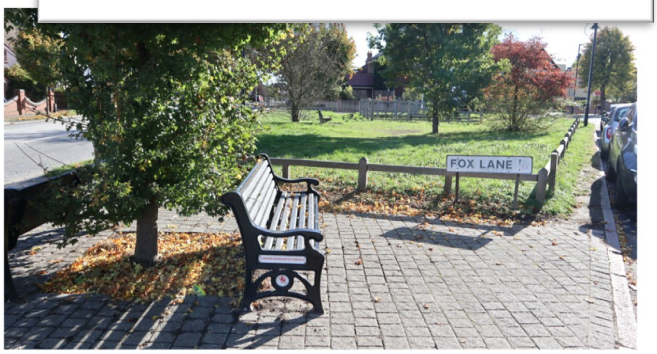
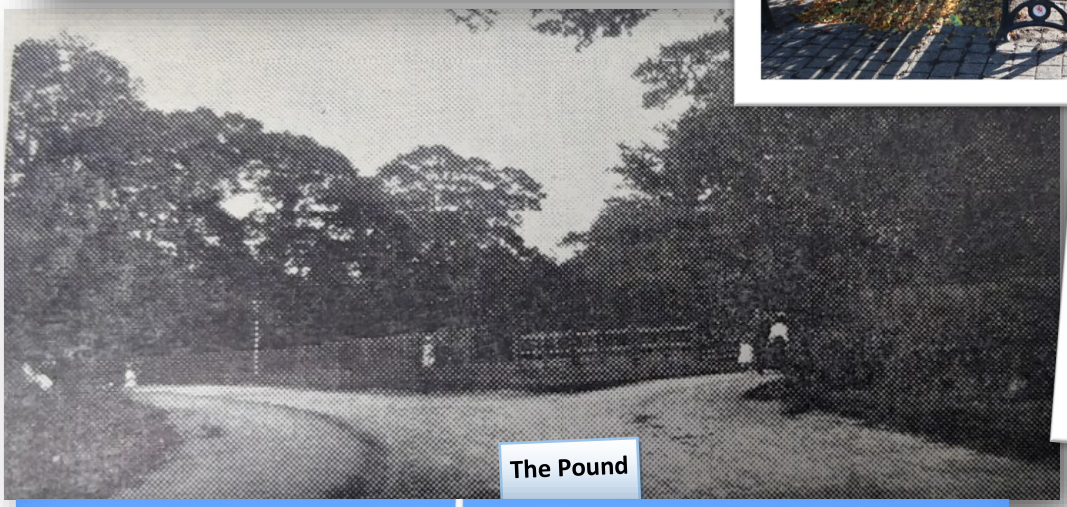






The Pound

Yes,I know I started out by saying this book would be mainly photos, old and new, but sometimes the history is so fascinating especially if you see the area described and have a good imagination.

THE SOUTHGATE POUND

Lean donkeys and calves were often seen here waiting the claims of their owners. The last 'Pounder' (The man who looked after the pound) had to collect the poundage before the animal was released. It was officially closed in 1904. (The last use was for a lost pig)and this was just before nine horses were impounded from the gipsy bands who frequented Southgate. At that time the grounds and woods of Grovelands came right up to the roadside. On the north west side were the Woodman pub and Meadow Cottages which were made uninhabitable by bomb damage. Four more cottages, Clappers Green Cottages, were further down The Bourne (which was then known as Dog & Duck Lane) There was a well opposite (photo above)

Photo History

AROUND HIGH STREET SOUTHGATE

A delightful old building totally ruined

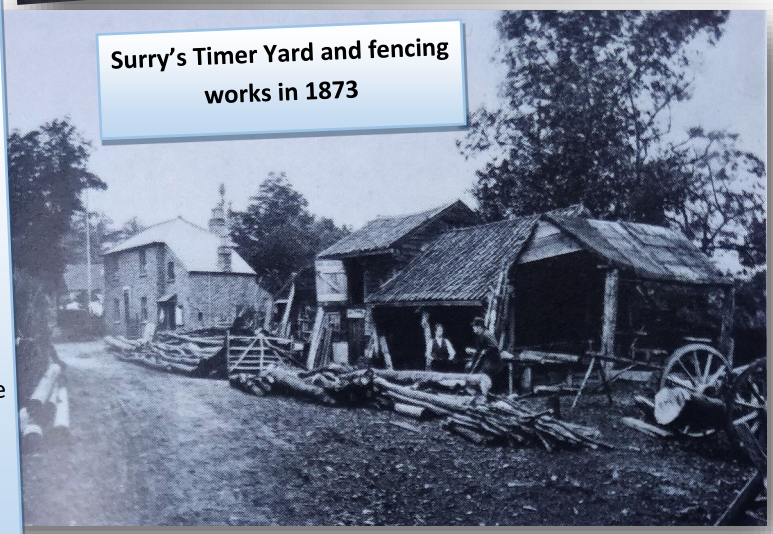
The Eagle Pub

The Paper Shop in 1987

Beatties

Beatties was founded by Colonel S N Beattie and Charles Whale as the Southgate Model Shop. In the early 1960s they had two small shops on Winchmore Hill Road in London. Looking away from the tube station the one on the right sold new model railway equipment and the one on the left was full of used stuff.

Surry's Timer Yard and fencing works in 1873



The Cherry Tree and parade in the mid 1930's

..and as it I now in Nov'24

SOUTHGATE HIGH ST (continued)

The original Woolpack in The High Street (almost opposite the Auction Rooms Built) c 1900

..and as it is in November '24

Before the construction of Southgate tube and Chase Side, The High Street was the main shopping area This was Tulley's Southgate Dairy which later became a Craft Shop and is sadly now empty

The open-topped bus passing the Village Hall close to what is now the Southgate Circus roundabout

The Old Village Hall

This is the end of my Second Volume of Southgate Past and Present and despite promises to make it concise I am now surrounded by even more photos. Old and new so prepare to be bored for even longer...so, so sorry